

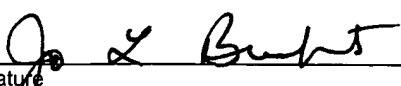


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: Engel et al.
For: CANNULA HAVING BUCKLE RESISTANT APERTURES
Serial No.: 10/619,932
Filed: 07-15-2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this **RESPONSE** and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as first class mail, addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 25th day of May, 2005.



Signature
Jo L. Brecht

Printed Name

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:


- ☒ Response Transmittal
- ☒ Response to Election/Restriction Requirement
- ☒ Return Postcard

FEE CALCULATION

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.
- ☒ Please charge any fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

Date

5/24/05



James R. Keogh
Reg. No. 44,824
Telephone: (763) 391-9867
Customer No. 27581



PATENT P-11481.00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Engel et al.

Examiner: Thanh, Loan H

Serial No.: 10/619,932

Group Art Unit: 3763

Filing Date: 07-15-2003

Docket No.: P-11481.00

Title: CANNULA HAVING BUCKLE RESISTANT APERTURES

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

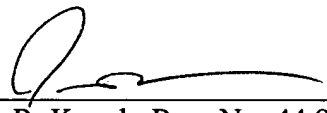
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement in the Office Action of April 26, 2005 applicants hereby elect Invention I, figs. 3-7, for prosecution in the present application. The claims believed to be readable on this species are claims 1-22. Claims 1, 2, and 4-7 are generic to the elected species and at least one more species. Applicants note that, upon allowance of a generic claim, a reasonable number of species claims may be recaptured. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 5/24/05

By 
James R. Keogh, Reg. No. 44,824
Tel. 763.391.9867
Fax. 763.391.9668